Hyderabad-Jaipur direct train

3630. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has approached the Union Government for a direct train from Hyderabad to Jaipur and back, *via* Abu Road; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Introduction of a train from Hyderabad to Jaipur *via* Abu Road has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Indo-Bangla train

3631. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Indo-Bangla train, a doubtful starter", appearing in the Times of India dated 4th August, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps being taken to make the train journeys hassle-free, by reducing the time loss on both sides of the border for customs, security clearances, etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE EN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Railways and all the other concerned agencies of Government of India have held detailed deliberations to devise a suitable procedure for inspection at Gede, to ensure hassle-free travel by the passengers involving least possible detention for clearance by customs and immigration departments.

Introduction of new train between New Delhi and Bangalore

3632. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new train is proposed to be introduced between New Delhi and Bangalore, in view of acute congestion of passenger traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Bangalore Rajdhani is proposed to run daily fron New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. However, 2647/2648 Nizamuddin-Coimbatore (Weekly) Express has been diverted to run *via* Bangalore from 01.07.2001.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Daily running of Bangalore Rajdhani Express is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Udhampur-Baramula rail line project

3633. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount the Udhampur-Baramula rail line project in J and K would cost on completion and what is the tentative time for its completion; and

(b) how much amount has been earmarked for the year 2001-2002 for this project and the details of its progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The cost of the project has been assessed as Rs. 3244 crores at 1998-99 price level. No target date has been fixed. The time for its completion would depend upon availability of resources.

(b) An amount of Rs. 100 crores has been allocated for this work during 2001-02. Work is being done in phases. In first phase, work on Udhampur-Katra (26 km.) has been taken up where earthwork, tunneling and bridge works are in progress. In phase-II, Qazigund-Baramula has been taken up where land acquisition and construction of Srinagar Station Building is in progress.

Simulators for training of train drivers

† 3634. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to purchase simulators for the training of train

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.